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1. From March to early June 1951 the Central and South Military and Administrative Committee and its subordinate military and political organs were gradually evacuating to the Huangpo (114-25, 30-54) area from Hankow. All dependents of military personnel and civil employees and large quantities of equipment of this committee are being sent to Maping (113-36, 31-35) from Hankow.

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2. As of 9 May the Central and South Military Area had adjusted troop dispositions to strengthen the border defense of South China, and armies were disposed as follows: The 41 Army was stationed in the Ch'aochou (116-37, 23-42) -Swatow area. The 43 Army was in the Ch'inhien (108-37, 21-58) -Lienchiang (110-16, 21-36) area. The 44 Army was along the railroad from Yingte (113-21, 24-12) to Ch'uchiang (113-33, 24-50). The 45 Army was between Nanning and Chennankuan (106-41, 22-04). The 47 Army was between Ch'uchiang and Ch'angsha (112-42, 22-22). The 49 Army was moving toward the Canton-Kowloon Railroad. The 51 Army was in the Wuhan area. The 52 Army was at Kueilin (110-10, 25-20). The 53 Army was moving from Liuchou (109-16, 24-18) toward the Indochina border.

3. In early May the 147 and 148 Divisions, 49 Army, were transferred from Kwangsi to Huiyang and Paon to replace units of the 3 Field Army sent to Fukien.

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- F-3 4. Prior to 3 April the Chinese Communists recruited more than 4,200 men for military fishing boats to defend the Aot'ou (113-15, 24-14) area.
5. In mid-May units of the 3 Field Army stationed in Tsengcheng (113-49, 23-16), Lungmen (114-04, 23-46) and Hsinfeng (114-06, 24-07) Hsien were continuing their withdrawal toward the Fukien border. These Hsien were being garrisoned by the Peiping Column² of 6,000 to 8,000 men.
6. During five weeks up to mid-May there was no increase in troops in Paoan. Approximately 3,500 troops of the 4 Field Army were stationed along the Canton-Kowloon railroad at Pinghu, Puchi and Shenchuan, and another 2,000 troops were stationed outside the railroad zone.
- C-1 7. In early June remnants of the 39, 40 and 42 Armies were being transferred to Kwangtung from Korea. Each consisted of from 4,000 to 5,000 survivors of the Korean war. On 5 June advance units of the 40 and 42 Armies arrived at Canton. These armies are to rebuild to normal strength by enlisting new recruits and will be disposed as follows:
- a. The 40 Army north and northeast of Canton between P'anyu (113-26, 23-01) and Hushsien (113-18, 23-29).
 - b. The 42 Army to garrison Huiyang Hsien and Paoan (113-56, 22-32).
8. The 43 Army, commanded by MA Chun-ying (馬欽英), is part of the regular Kwangtung garrison force and will garrison the Swatow area. The 129 Division will be stationed at Swatow, Ch'enghai (116-44, 23-29) Hsien and Jaoping (116-48, 23-58) Hsien. The 127 and 128 Divisions will be stationed in the Ch'a'an (116-37, 23-42), Ch'aoyang (116-35, 23-17), Chiehyang (116-20, 23-32) and P'uning (116-13, 23-27) areas.

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9. In early June headquarters of the political office of the Chinese Communist 804 Unit (sic) was at Ch'uchiang.³

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10. As of mid-May the 2 Engineer Regiment of the 4 Field Army had been sent to the Kwangtung coast to strengthen defenses under Soviet supervision.

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11. On 7 June an engineer battalion of the 15 Army Group arrived in the Huiyang area to assist in building defenses there.

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- F-3 12. Around 7 June troops at Huiyang (114-26, 23-05) were from the 135 Division under SHIH Chueh-min (石覺民).⁴ The 405 Regiment was at P'ingt'an (平洋) and Lints'un (林村), approximately 13 miles southeast of Huiyang. The 406 Regiment was at Tanshui (114-28, 22-47) and Aot'ou (114-32, 22-43). The 407 Regiment was at Ch'enkangyu (陳崗圩), approximately 16 miles southwest of Huiyang. Also one engineering company, an artillery battalion, a signal and a medical unit were attached to this division. Defenseworks were being constructed by units of the 135 Division at Niuch'ang (牛場) (between Tanshui and Huiyang), Chout'ien (斗田) and Fotzuyao (佛子拗) (between Chenlung⁵ and Lungkang- 龍岡).

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13. On a trip to Peiping in mid-March YEH Chien-ying asked for reinforcements in planes, guns and other arms. Since then there have been several MIG-15 planes in Canton and Swatow, and one MIG has been seen flying over Canton. On 9 May a shipment of 50 guns, including 105 mm Soviet-made guns, over 10 x 762⁶ guns and 20 x 60 mm mortars⁷, arrived in Canton. The guns were consigned to the 15 Army Group for coastal batteries.
14. In early May four guns mounted at Bocca Tigris were Soviet-made, exceeding 105 mm (sic).
15. In mid-May eight Japanese "Whippet" tanks were seen in Chihsiangkeng (桂陽鎮), Shaho suburb, Canton.
16. In early June some Soviets were observed entering and leaving Shihcheng (Stonewell) Arsenal, about 5 miles north of Canton. The arsenal was repairing some light and heavy machine guns and 2,000 rifles, which were to be turned over to the newly formed second supplementary training division. The arsenal was also manufacturing rifles and cartridges.
17. Training for five supplementary training divisions will be completed by the end of June. The strength of each division is about 6,000 men. The divisions were to be placed under command of YEH Chien-ying.

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18. In early June the Kwangtung Military District Command was organizing an armored regiment which was already officially activated and under its control. The regiment was being formed under the direction of HSIN Hsien-yu (辛先宇), senior staff officer of the Armored Force Command under the Central and South China Military Area, who recently was transferred from Hankow to the Canton area. This regiment will be assigned 16 Japanese-type small tanks and 50 armored cars. One thousand armored force troops are being trained by the Soviets in Manchuria from where they will soon be transferred to Kwangtung. The remainder of the troops for this regiment were being recruited from volunteers and militia troops in Kwangtung.⁸
19. On 4 June a joint defense conference held at Amoy was attended by representatives of the East China and South China Military Area Commands.

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20. In early May Kwangtung authorities conscripted a large number of civilian laborers and commandeered approximately 10,000 hemp bags for the construction of coastal defenses in south Kwangtung.
21. In early May all administrative, military and party personnel in South China were not permitted to take leave and were required to stand by for summons to serve with the Resist America and Aid Korea movement.

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22. In mid-May some nervousness was reflected by Chinese Communist Party workers in Canton about eventual invasion by Nationalist troops from Taiwan.
23. In late May 7,000 civilian laborers were conscripted in the Kaochou (110-53, 21-45) -Leichou (110-05, 20-55) area by Chinese Communist authorities and sent to Chiehchoutao (赤嶼 + 灰嶼) Island, just southeast of Hsiying.⁹

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to information available to this office, the 148 Division is subordinate to the 50 Army and is in Korea; the 49 Army comprises the 145-7 Divisions.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] for previous reference to the column. 25X1A

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. See paragraph 2, which reports the 47 Army between Ch'uchiang and Ch'angsha.

25X1A 4. [REDACTED] Comment. According to available information, TING Sheng commands the 135 Division.

5. [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly Chenlunghsu.

25X1A 6. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably 76 mm guns.

25X1A 7. [REDACTED] Comment. It is not clear whether the 20 mortars are in addition to, or mistakenly included under, the 50 guns; however, the second appears more probable.

25X1A 8. [REDACTED] Comment. This should not be regarded as confirmation of similar information received by another agency from a similar source. It is disseminated because of additional detail. 25X1A

25X1A 9. [REDACTED] Comment. Activities in the Hsiying area are included in the over-all plan to expand the air force in Kwangtung; [REDACTED]

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